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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-067-S - ORDER NO. 90-981

OCTOBER 4, 1990

IN RE: Petition of Klaus Wilke and) ORDER DENYING
McGregor Downs Mobile Home Park) PETITION FOR
for a Declaratory Order Seeking) RECONSIDERATION
Review of Rates and Charges of) OF ORDER NO.
Midlands Utility, Inc.) 90-754

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition for Reconsideration of Order No. 90-754 issued in the instant docket and dated August 13, 1990. The Petition was filed on behalf of Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands). Midlands alleges several errors on the part of the Commission in Order No. 90-754.

Midlands alleges that the Commission erred in conceiving of the ultimate issue, as presented in the Report of Stipulations submitted by the parties, in terms other than those which would require solely a determination of whether or not a mobile home is a single-family type of residence. Midlands contends that whether the filed and approved \$17.00 residential rate of Midlands is fair and reasonable as applied to mobile homes in McGregor Downs Mobile Home Park was not an issue properly to be decided by the Commission.

The gist of Midlands' argument seems to be that the issue to be determined is whether the mobile homes in McGregor Downs Mobile Home Park are residences for single families, and, if they are, the conclusion must then follow that they should be classified under the residential rate schedule of Midlands, and that scheduled rate, therefore, applied.

The analysis upon which Midlands' argument is based is inconsistent with the Commission's treatment of mobile homes for rate purposes, and so, Midlands' argument must fail.

The Commission has drawn a distinction, for purposes of the applicability of water and sewer rates, between single-family mobile homes and other types of single-family residences. See, PSC Order No. 83-442, Docket No. 83-138-S, dated July 22, 1983.

This distinction and its basis have been set forth recently by the Commission as follows:

The Commission is aware that based upon the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines (South Carolina Pollution Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings to Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Water Pollution Division, S.C. Pollution Control Authority, 1972) mobile home customers have a lower sewer contributory factor than single family homes. The single family equivalent for mobile homes is 75% of a residential single family equivalent. Therefore, for the Company's mobile home customers, the monthly sewer rate will be 75% of the residential monthly sewer rate to reflect the rating provided by the DHEC guidelines.

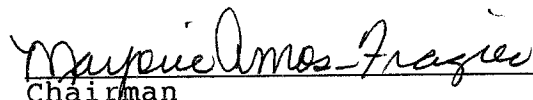
PSC Order No. 90-694, Docket No. 89-610-W/S, Application of Carolina Water Service, dated August 1, 1990.

In consonance with the above referenced, the Commission found in the instant matter that the scheduled residential rate approved for Midlands in PSC Order No. 89-80 should not apply to sewer service provided to the mobile homes in McGregor Downs Mobile Home Park. This finding is dispositive of Issue No. 1 set forth in the Report of Stipulations.

For reasons apparent from the foregoing, the Commission hereby denies the Petition for Reconsideration of Order No. 90-754 filed on behalf of Midlands.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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